GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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FOOD PARKS IN UTTAR PRADESH
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to set up food parks at some places in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal from Gorakhpur Industrial Development Authority (GIDA) in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the reasons for delay in setting up of food parks in Gorakhpur; and

(f) the time by which food parks is likely to be set up in Gorakhpur?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (f): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) provides financial assistance for establishment of food parks. It does not set up Food Parks on its own. MFPI has approved financial assistance for five food parks in Uttar Pradesh i.e. Ghaziabad, Kharkion (District Varanasi), Barabanki, Khushalipur(District Saharanpur) and Sahajanwa (District Gorakhpur). The project proposal for Food Park at Sahajanwa, District Gorakhpur by Gorakhpur Industrial Development Authority (GIDA) was approved for assistance of Rs. 323.11 lakhs in 2004-05. After constant monitoring and persuasion by the Ministry, the formalities for release of funds were completed by GIDA Rs. 80.77 lakhs has been disbursed to GIDA. GIDA is taking further necessary steps for implementation of the project. The objective of the Ministry is to establish food parks in a given time frame, so that the farmers are immensely benefited by adopting clusterised and demand driven farming.